

# Dog Adoption Checklist

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- Before Getting a Dog
  - Think if you're mature and responsible enough to have a dog.
  - Check if you will have time to take care of a dog.
  - Check if you can afford a dog.
  - Check if you know how to take care of a dog.
- Choosing a Dog
  - Research different breeds and select one that suits you and your family.
  - Visit an animal shelter near you.
  - Apply to become the pet's owner if you choose for adoption.
  - Perform a background check.
  - Prepare your home.
  - Buy supplies.
  - Buy or adopt a dog.
- Bringing Your Dog Home
  - Visit the veterinarian.
  - Order identification.
  - Register your pet.
  - Get your dog used to his crate.
  - Start your dog training.
  - Set up a routine.
  - Set some rules.
- Supplies
  - Dog food: dry and wet.
  - Treats.
  - Containers.
  - Bowls for food and water.
  - Grooming supplies.
  - Dog bed and bedding.
  - Crate.
  - Flea & tick treatment.
  - Toys.

Bags for picking up dog waste.